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SUBJECT: CBS RE-RUN OF "60 MINUTES" PROGRAM ON U.S.  
, PRISONERS IN MEXICO.

REF: MEXICO 12768

1. SCA PRESS OFFICER WAS IN CONTACT WITH CBS DURING FIRST WEEK OF JUNE BEFORE "60 MINUTES" SPECIAL REPORT ON PRISONERS IN MEXICO WAS AIRED FOR SECOND TIME. THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED TO PROVIDE UPDATE FOR CBS: 1) PRESENT STATUS OF THE TREATY, 2) CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, 3) CONSULAR SERVICES IN MEXICO, 4) THE LIMITATIONS OF ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES' NEW POLICY ON PROSECUTION, 5) MEXICAN ATTORNEYS ON MEXICO CITY'S STAFF, 6) IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH BUT ALSO LIMITATIONS OF DIPLOMATIC LEVERAGE.

2. THE CASE OF ROBERT SAGE, ONE OF THE PRISONERS INTERVIEWED IN THE REPORT, WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. SAGE HAD BEEN RELEASED A FEW DAYS BEFORE THIS CONVERSATION  
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AND THIS FACT WAS COMMUNICATED TO CBS.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, CBS CHOSE NOT TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION  
IN ITS JUNE RELEASE OF THE SPECIAL REPORT.

ALTHOUGH REGRETTABLE THIS WAS NOT UNEXPECTED - "60

MINUTES" POLICY IS TO FILL SUMMER TIME SLOTS WITH RE-RUNS OF FALL/WINTER PRODUCTIONS. AMOUNT AND TYPE OF INFORMATION GIVEN TO CBS COULD NOT PROPE LY HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN FEW MINUTES AVAILABLE FOR INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF PROGRAM. IT'S INCLUSION WOULD HAVE PRACTICALLY NECESSITATED PREPARATION OF COMPLETELY NEW PROGRAM WHICH IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR CBS DURING

SUMMER MONTHS. CHRISTOPHER

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